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AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION

Compensation Act endorsed Social Welfare of Soldiers in hospitals discussed

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

Silver City to get Convention in 1921

Roy Post No. 33 of the American Legion demonstrated it's right to be classed as one of the live Posts of the state by sending it's full quota of delegates to the second annual convention of the department of New Mexico which was held at Roswell on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of September.

A number of matters of importance to the Legion and to all those interested in the organization, were brought up and acted upon. Among them were the four-fold compensation act now pending in Congress, the welfare of the disabled ex-service men, the Women's Auxilliary and the election of officers for the ensuing term. The compensation act was endorsed by the convention with an added amendment providing for the purchase of unappropriated government lands at a minimum price and on liberal terms, as an additional option. This amendment being intended to take care of those men from the western states who are interested in ranching and to whom none of the other four options might appeal.

Special attention is being given the disabled ex-service men, not so particularly to their financial welfare which is being provided for by the government, but to the social welfare of these men who are still fighting the war, in the hospitals in all parts of the country. Their physical inability to participate in our every day affairs renders them prone to being entirely dropped from our consideration which is certainly not as it should be. This work was put in charge of a central welfare committee and local post and individuals, both members of the legion and others, are urged to make an effort to improve existing conditions for these men. The report of the Woman's Auxilliary committee was received enthusiastically and several of the younger members were insistent in their demands that "Sweethearts" be included with wives, mothers and sisters as those eligible. However this demand was overruled as being "Unfair competition".

J. W. Chapman of Gallup was elected Department Commander for the coming year with G. V. Truder of Las Vegas, Senior

VILLAGE BOARD HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

The Village Board met in regular session last Monday evening and attended to quite a routine of business. After considerable discussion it was decided to ask for bids for four cement crossings and two cement culverts, advertisements for same which appear in this week's Spanish-American. It was also voted to reduce the speed limit of automobiles to four miles per hour within the city limits. This action was necessary from the standpoint that too many claimed it was impossible to distinguish the speed of a car at twelve miles per hour. However, we can distinguish between 12 miles and 4 miles. The matter of grading a number of streets was deferred for the present. Franchises were asked for at the meeting for an Electric Light Co. and also for a telephone company. Both of these matters were laid over till next meeting. The well question was discussed and it was decided to continue drilling as the formation at present is very good for a heavy flow of water. The resignation of A. S. Hanson as trustee and F. L. Schultz as marshal were accepted. Mr. Hanson is moving to Springer, and Mr. Schultz' business is too heavy to look after the marshal business. The appointment of new men to fill these places was laid over until next meeting. A petition was received from a number of residents of Roy asking that Third street be closed in front of the Lucero Building during the present school term. The Mayor was ordered to make the necessary arrangements to close the street to traffic. Several other matters of importance to the town were brought up but were laid over until the new trustee is appointed.

Saturday was another good day for our merchants. The streets were crowded with vehicles and the clerks in the different stores were kept on the go from opening until closing.

Vice-Commander, Fred Santistevan of Taos, Junior Vice-Commander and Tom Trammel of Roswell, Department Adjutant. They are all capable and efficient men who are interested in making the Legion a success and one hundred per cent American. Particularly so the Department Commander who was elected unanimously. The fourth district comprising the counties of San Miguel, Mora and Guadalupe is represented on the State Executive Committee by A. N. Hanson of the Roy Post, who, it is needless to say, is one of those most responsible for the organization and the making of the success of the Roy Post. W. L. Russel was elected a delegate to the National Convention. Homer Holmes and Ray Carr were the delegates elected to the state convention, W. L. Russel serving for Mr. Carr as an alternate.

Silver City will have the convention in 1921, and it is hoped that the local post will acquire a membership entitling them to an additional representation, as it is to the best interests of the entire community to have a Legion Post that is active and progressive.

ACCIDENTLY SHOT

One of the saddest tragedies in the history of Mosquero happened Sunday afternoon when George Fuller, son of Mr. E. L. Fuller was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his brother-in-law, Avon Tanner. Young Fuller, Tanner and Ed McNeil, while returning from a hunting expedition to Black Lake decided to kill a hawk which they saw close to the Orren Beatty farm. McNeil was driving the car, Fuller got out of the car to shoot at the hawk and Tanner, sitting in the back seat of the car, decided to take a shot at the hawk also. Hastily loading the shot gun, a breech loader, he attempted to close it up preparatory to shooting when the protruding firing pin struck the primer of the shell, causing it to go off prematurely. The full load of shot struck Fuller in the back of the head, tearing away a part of the skull and allowing the brains to drop out. He died instantly, but was loaded into the car and hurriedly brought to town where a coroner's inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death brought in by the jury. The tragedy has been all the more terrible on account of the relationship of the two families. Young Tanner is reported to be in danger of losing his reason over the accident, his sister, Fuller's young wife, is quite sick from the shock, and the mother and several members of the Fuller family were prostrated by grief and shock at the suddenness and the terrible loss of the unexpected blow. Interment was made at the Mosquero cemetery Monday afternoon and the largest crowd ever seen at a funeral attended the last rites of the interment of the deceased. Rev. Trevor Orton made a brief address at the church and on account of the fainting and serious sickness of the young wife the ceremonies were made as brief as possible.

Mr. George Fuller was born in Kansas on March 7, 1900, and came to Mosquero with his family in 1908, where he lived, grew up and was educated. On June 10th, 1920, he was married to Miss Clara Tanner of Mosquero and at the time of his death had been married less than three months. George Fuller was a member of the Methodist church of this place, a steady, honest, industrious young man who was liked by everyone and of whom not one word of criticism was ever heard. A living example of honesty and uprightness which any mother could point to with pride and say to her son, "Follow George's example, son, and you will be loved and respected by all". He leaves a sorrowing young wife, a disconsolate father and mother, and a number of younger brothers and sisters to mourn his untimely departure. Taken away at the very moment that he was entering into life as a young and useful citizen, he has doubtless been spared many hardships that usually fall to the lot of mankind, has escaped many sad blows of fate, and has passed on before he lived to see many of youth's fond ambitions and loving expectations blighted before their fulfillment, but he has left a void place in the hearts of relatives, friends and neighbors that can never be filled. Truly of George can it be said by the entire neighborhood, "Gone but not forgotten".

CARD OF THANKS

Submitted by Request of Mr. E. L. Fuller

Mr. E. L. Fuller and family, Mrs. Clara Fuller and Mr. W. S. Tanner and family through the columns of the Spanish-American desire to publicly express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and relatives who so kindly assisted them in their sad bereavement in the sudden loss of their son and husband, George Fuller.

Words are futile to express the real sentiments of the heart. So we merely say "thanks" and leave it to those who have undergone like experiences to feel the depth of meaning with which we say it.

CLARA FULLER.

E. L. FULLER and family, W. S. TANNER and family.

Red Cross Sale

THE RED CROSS CHAPTER, OF ROY, WILL SELL AT AUCTION IN FRONT OF THE S-A. OFFICE SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, 2:30 P.M.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING, 3 SEWING MACHINES, CHAIRS, LINOLEUM, 2 TRUNKS, THREAD, KNITTING YARNS, BUTTONS ETC.

These goods are sold to avoid storage and proceeds go to the General Fund. Come, Buy and help the cause.

DOUBLE MURDER AT ATARQUE

A double murder occurred at Atarque station about 40 miles south-east of Roy on the E. P. & S. W. down below the foot of the hill last Wednesday morning. As near as we could learn the facts from the train men on the Polly it appears that a Mexican entered the section house about day-break and proceeded to shoot up the section house, killing a man and wounding a woman, both Mexicans, and after leaving the section house he in turn was shot to death by the father and brother of the murdered man. Both were left lying where they fell until the coroner could get to Atarque from Las Vegas as the station is in the southeast corner of San Miguel county. The bodies lay where they fell all day, covered with tarpaulins.

The Mexican who started the trouble is said to have come from Old Mexico with the woman he shot. They went to Atarque and went to work on the section for the E. P. & S. W. R. R. Later he left the woman and went back to El Paso, where he stayed for a number of months, later coming back and securing a job on the section at Canadian. It is supposed that he awoke early Wednesday morning, walked up the track to Atarque arriving there before daylight. He entered the section house from the west door and shot the woman as she lay in bed. She arose and ran across the house and fell about half way between the section house and the main track with four bullets in her body. Her companion ran from the house and tried to reach the house occupied by his father and brother but was shot in the hip and back of the head as he tried to enter the door and fell over backward, dead. About this time the father and brother emerged from their room and tried to catch the man doing the shooting and he started firing at them, but his gun jammed and he started to run. They immediately gave chase and brought him down with a shot and then severed his jugular vein. James Bell and Dr. Scott of Tucumcari were rushed to the scene of the murders and looked after the matter for the railroad company. The father and brother were arrested and held at Tucumcari awaiting the arrival of the San Miguel county sheriff to take them to Las Vegas. They no doubt will be released as they only saved the county a necktie party. All the parties concerned were from Old Mexico and the murders were the outcome of jealousies. The woman, although seriously injured, has a good chance for recovery.

F. M. Hughes, the Solano merchant, was in Roy Friday, enroute to Mora to the Republican convention.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY MORNING

St. George school opened on schedule time Monday morning, September 6th, with a splendid enrollment for the first day, namely thirty-two pupils, and some twenty or more registered for entrance in the next few days.

We are told that the recent heavy rains have made some of the roads quite impassable, making it utterly impossible for a number of pupils, who had expected to be first in attendance, to get into the village at all.

Our pleasant, well-ventilated, roomy new classrooms with their brand new equipment, make it a most cheery school to work in; pupils and teachers feel that there is much to encourage them in their hopes for a prosperous school year.

There is considerable activity on our extensive new playground. A baseball diamond is being laid out, with basket ball and other playground apparatus supplied, grading being done and sidewalks laid, in one word, the Pastor Father Vachon is a very busy man these days.

A most welcome visitor at the parish house is the Rev. John Massard, the head of the Missionary band of the Rev. Oblate Fathers, who made his headquarters at Roy.

Rev. Fr. Massaro arrived last week from a three-months' visit at his parental home in Italy. He had not seen his parents in twelve years. We can well imagine the happy reunion—and also the farewell when the visit was ended. Only his great apostolic zeal could induce any missionary to go so far away a country, and we are all well aware of the many hardships and disappointments a missionary has to encounter in the Master's vineyard. We appreciate the noble work of all those noble missionaries. Master Leo Swayer and Miss Gertrude, his sister, from Cone, N. M., are among the pupils. Miss Gertrude is making her home with the Dominican Sisters who conduct a small boarding school.

THE HAILSTORM

As was reported in last week's S-A, one of the worst hail storms that ever visited this mesa passed across it about 8 miles east of Roy and played havoc with the unharvested crops last Thursday evening. As far as we can learn, the storm started northeast of Gladstone and about 35 miles northeast of Roy and cleaned up a strip about 2 to 4 miles wide for a distance of nearly 45 miles wearing itself away about 10 miles southeast of Roy. While the amount of damage will probably not amount to as much as the large hail storm of last July, yet the loss will probably reach \$175,000 to \$225,000. Beans by the thousands of acres were literally beaten into the ground and the corn which was just in good roasting ear is pounded and bruised until it will produce only a small portion of the original crop and then of only a very poor quality. The forage crops are damaged until they will make very little feed and inasmuch as the leaves are all beaten off it will scarcely be worth harvesting. The grass and pastures are beaten into the ground until they will be of little value for winter grazing. Quite a large number of houses had from one to 20 windows broken and the roofs of many buildings were ruined. At the H. W. Davis place northeast of Roy the shingles were broken off at the eaves and at J. W. Johnson's place the iron roof over his barn has a number of punctures through the roof. The hail was a foot deep over practically the whole route and hail as large as hen eggs were very common. Mr. J. E. Bussey reports hail piled up three feet deep near the H. T. crossing where it had washed into a swag. The rain following the hail was equal to a cloudburst and washed the ruined crops into the dirt. Among those who have lost all their late crops near Roy, were: the Wright Bros., T. M. Orden, George Lucas, M. M. Farley, Art Farris, J. W. Johnson, Ralph Hewlett, R. W. Boulware and sons, A. S. Hoskins, C. R. Hoskins, Henry Campbell and dozens of others. The peculiarity of the storm was that it took a strip about three miles east of the big storm last July and practically the same direction throughout. Several of those who lost their crops were insured, which will help them to purchase feed for the winter as there is still an abundance of feed on the mesa.

A telegram received at this place announces that Lieutenant Wolcott L. Russell was elected a delegate to the National Convention and Tony Hanson State Committeeman by the State Convention of the American Legion which was in session at Roswell last week. The local post was represented by Homer Holmes and Wolcott Russell, and the Roy Post feels highly honored by having one of its members as a delegate to the National Convention at Cleveland and another member on the State Committee.

NOTICE

Special Meeting of the American Legion, Roy Post No. 33 Thursday Sept. 16th, 1920. All members requested to be present. Earnest Anderson, Post Adjutant.

Don't forget the F.S. Brown Public Sale which will be held at his home in Roy next Saturday Sept. 18th. See large bills for full particulars.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED

Officers elected; Plans will be outlined at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13th.

Good Roads will likely be first move of the organization

Recognizing the long felt need of a commercial organization in the community, a number of the leading business men and citizens met at the office of the Spanish-American last Wednesday night and organized the Chamber of Commerce of Roy.

Membership will not be limited to those residing within the corporate limits of the town but will be open to the community at large, as it is the purpose of the organization to further the interests of the mesa in general. In fact, it is desired that the farmers get behind this movement and give it their support as the business interests of the town and the surrounding country are mutually dependent upon each other.

As organized the Chamber of Commerce will have a President Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer together with five directors, the officers to be ex-officio members of the board of directors. It was decided that at least two of the five directors should be chosen from residents without the corporate limits of the town. The following were elected: President, F. S. Brown Vice-President, M. D. Gibbs Secretary, W. L. Russel, Treasurer, Henry Krabbenschmidt

Directors: R. E. Aldredge S. E. Paxton, M. N. Baker, R. W. Boulware and A. N. Hanson. No plans were gone into in detail although it seemed the opinion of all those present that the matter of good roads is one that should be taken up immediately and acted upon. The advisability of having a permanent paid secretary to give all of his time to the work was, also, discussed and seemed to meet with favor.

The next meeting will be held Monday September 14th, at 7:30 P. M., at the office of the Spanish-American. All who are interested are invited to be present.

Roy Public Schools Begin

The Roy Public Schools will be opened Monday Sept. 13th. The Board has been making every effort to have all in readiness for the opening. Lineup next week.

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